1: Maes, J. Notes sur les Populations des Bassins du Kasai, de la Lukenie, et du Lac Leopold II /Notes on the Populations of the Kasai, Lukenie, and Lake Leopold II Basins/. Annales du Musee du Congo Belge, Nouvelle Serie, Miscellanées, Vol. I, Fascicule 1. Brussels (Tervueren), 1924.

Pp. 212; 126 illustrations /HRAF manuscript, pp. vii, 161/

/Omitted: Numerous non-descriptive passages./

Yale: Nkd82 / T27M

/This volume is a general sketch of the culture of the Mongo and related peoples by the head of the Belgian ethnographic mission to the Central Congo in 1913-1914. The volume is divided into five main sections concerning the land and its inhabitants, dwellings, subsistence, food, and care of the body. In addition to data on the Mongo, there is much information on other groups, particularly on the Sakata and the Teke. The volume contains a good deal of discussion of distributional data

1: Maes, J.

with the idea of dividing the area of the central Congo into ethnographic provinces. The source is especially strong on materials pertaining to architecture, tattooing, fishing, and food in general. The FO37 Ntomba and FO48 Yaelima, listed in the Outline of World Cultures as separate files, are now subsumed under FO32 Mongo as as sub-groups. --Analyst/

Field date: 1913-1914
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Ethnologist - 5
Processed in 1960

2: Hulstaert, Gustave-E. Le Mariage des Nkundó /Marriage among the Nkundu/. Institut Royal Colonial Belge, Section des Sciences Morales et Politiques, Mémoires In-8°, Vol. 8. Bruxelles: Librairie Falk fils, Georges Van Campenhout, Successeur, 1938.

Pp. iv, 520; end map (HRAF ms. pp. ii, 487)

Yale: Bk18 6d 7-8

/Translated from the French for the Human Relations Area Files by Monika B. Vizedom./

/This source, by a Belgian Roman Catholic missionary, is an exhaustive study of the ramifications of marriage and the family in the life of the Nkundu Mongo, with emphasis on the aboriginal culture. Topics treated include a preliminary description of Nkundu history and culture, the marriage agreement, the various forms of marriage and pseudo-marriage, the age of the bride and groom, obstacles to marriage, married life, polygamy, divorce, death, and children. There is a brief section on kinship terminology. Information on the ndonga, the official witness to the marriage, usually related

2: Hulstaert, Gustave-E.

to both parties, has been placed in Category 584. Material on the bǫ́ǫ́ndǫ, a payment in apology or retraction, has been placed in Category 576. --Analyst/

Field date: ca. 1930
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Missionary-5
Processed in 1959

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FO32 Mongo
Nkundo

3: Boelaert, E. De Nkundo-Maatschappij /Nkundo Society/. Kongo-Overzee, Vol. 6, pp. 148-161. Antwerp: De Sikkel, 1940.

Yale: Bk18 &d 6-8 /HRAF MS. pp. 1-12/

/Translated from the Flemish for the Human Relations Area Files by Helen N. Sprey./

/This article is a brief synthesis of Nkundu social organization. Phases of the culture touched upon include the patriarchal "clan," kinship terminology, and relationships, the property system, exogamy, and kin relationships with the maternal clan and other clans. Material on what Boelaert calls "clans" has been placed in category 613 Lineages. Boelaert is a Belgian ethnologist who has worked in the Congo for many years.--Analyst/

Field date: no date
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1959

4: Gutersohn, Th. Het Economisch Leven van den Mongo-neger. /The Economic Life of the Mongo Negro/ Congo, Vol. I, pp. 92-105. Brussels: Goemaere, Imprimeur du Roi, 1920.

Yale: Bk18.6 1^1 /HRAF manuscript pp. i, 1-14/

/Translated from the Flemish for the Human Relations Area Files by Richard Neuse./

/This is a brief sketch of a portion of the economic life of the Mongo by a resident missionary. After a very unflattering analysis of the Mongo attitude toward work, Gutersohn goes on to describe Mongo smithing, carpentry, canoe-making, the "bush-telegraph" system, and weaving and basket-making. -- Analyst/

Field date: no date
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Missionary-5
Processed in 1959

FO32 Mongo
Nkundo

5: Brepoels, H. Het Familiehoofd bij de Nkundo Negers /The Family Head among the Nkundo Negroes/. Congo, Vol. 2, pp. 332-340. Brussels: Goemaere, Imprimeur du Roi, 1930.

Yale: Bk18 6 11[2] /HRAF MS., pp. 1-8/

/Translated from the Flemish for the Human Relations Area Files by Helen N. Sprey./

/This brief article describes the composition of the extended family among the Nkundu, the family headship and its method of inheritance, the nkita-relationship which is a function of bride-price among the Nkundu, and concludes with some speculation as to the origins of the nkita. Brepoels was a missionary with many years experience in the Mongo country. --Analyst/

Field date: no date
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Missionary-5
Processed in 1959

FO32 Mongo

6: Kaptein, Gregorius. Familieleven en zeden bij de inboorlingen van den Evenaar. /Family Life and Customs among the Natives of Equatorial Africa/ Congo, Vol. 3, part 1, pp. 531-549. Brussels: Goemaere, Imprimeur du Roi, 1922.

Yale: Bk18.6 3^1 /HRAF MS., pp. 1-19/

/Translated from the Flemish for the Human Relations Area Files by Helen N. Sprey./

/This article discusses contemporary and past customs of marriage and inheritance of the Mongo of Evenaar. Particular attention is paid to the bride price and the nkita relationship, and to polygamy, especially as they relate to modern conditions in which a few men are able to monopolize the available women. Father Kaptein was a missionary in the area. --Analyst/

Field date: no date
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Missionary-5
Processed in 1959

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FO32 Mongo
Ntomba

7: Brown, H.D. The Nkumu of the Tumba: Ritual Chieftainship on the Middle Congo. Africa, Vol. 14, Pp. 431-446. London: Oxford University Press for the International Institute of African Languages and Cultures. 1944

Yale: Bk2 10 14

/The nkumu is a local official chosen by the members of a tribe. He must be from a different village or settlement from the people who select him, though a member of the same tribe. His office is partly judicial, partly honorary leader, though deference is always accorded him. This article discusses the nkumu's selection, inauguration, funeral and incidental related customs. Material related to the nkumu but not specifically related to functional categories, such as the nkumu's attendants and ceremonies surrounding his inauguration, has been marked for category 624 (Local Officials). The author was a protestant missionary in the region. --Analyst/

Field date: ca. 1941
Analyst: George R. Bedell

Evaluation: Missionary-5
Processed in 1960

FO32 Mongo 1 - 2
Ekonda

8: Müller, Ernst W. Soziologische Terminologie und soziale Organisation der Ekonda [Sociological Terminology and Social Organization of the Ekonda/. Zeitschrift für Ethnologie, Vol. 81, pp. 188-202. Braunschweig (Brunswick), 1956.

Yale: Nk10 Z37 81-82

[HRAF ms., pp. 28]

[Translated from the German for the Human Relations Area Files by Helmut Handzik.]

/This source is a study of the village of Ipangi and of the kin groups and hamlets which are at its base. The Ekonda have a system of segmentary kin groups which are related to one another according to real or assumed kinship. The system has many levels, with larger groups comprising from one to four groups of the next order. The relationship between the groups corresponds to the relationship

8: Müller, Ernst W.

between their founders. Müller analyzes in some detail the various theories concerning the family, especially those of Thurnwald. He notes briefly the institutions of chieftainship and of messengers. --Analyst/

Field date: 1951-1954
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Ethnologist - 5
Processed in 1960

FO32 Mongo
Nkundu

9: Boelaert, Edmond. Terminologie Classificatoire des Nkundo [Classificatory Terminology of the Nkundu]. Africa, Vol. 21, pp. 218-222. London: International African Institute, 1951.

Yale: Bk2 10 21

[HRAF ms. pp. 7]

[Translated from the French for the Human Relations Area Files by Anne R. Coleman.]

[In this source Boelaert, a missionary with long experience in the area, discusses the classificatory kinship terms applied to the members of a five-generation patrilineage. The four principles governing the classificatory kinship terminology as enumerated by Holleman are examined and the extent to which they apply to Nkundu kinship is defined. --Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1943
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Missionary, Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1960